



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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WSTS sales data for May released today

Data released for May show reassuring signs for the European market: year-on-year growth on a 3 month average basis has turned slightly positive when measured in dollars and the pace of the growth appears stronger when measured in Euro.

However, the overall figures for May show the negative impact of April data, but still in line with the developments observed worldwide

This is evident primarily for Microprocessors, whose negative April performance prolongs its influence on the three months rolling average basis.

DRAM and Flash memory products were traded at higher volumes on the market compared to the previous month, with Flash NAND devices performing above average. Sales of Discretes, standard linear and logic, Microcontrollers and DSP also give a positive contribution to the quarter-to-date data

European Semiconductor sales in May 2006 amounted to US\$ 3.210 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), down -0.7% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 0.5% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales declined in 2006 by -3.0% versus the year 2005.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ has a shrinking but yet an impact on the growth data in the recent months. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in May were EURO 2.605 billion, down -2.6% on previous month and up 5.7% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales show in 2006 a growth of 3.2% versus 2005.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in May were US\$ 19.746 billion, up 0.7% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 9.4% versus the same month in 2005 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 7.4%.

(for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

About ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA), part of the European Electronic Component manufacturers' Association (EECA), represents the European-based manufacturers of semiconductor devices. The semiconductor industry provides the enabling technology, which is at the forefront of the development of the digital economy. The sector supports over 86,000 jobs in a market valued at around €31.6 bn in 2005.

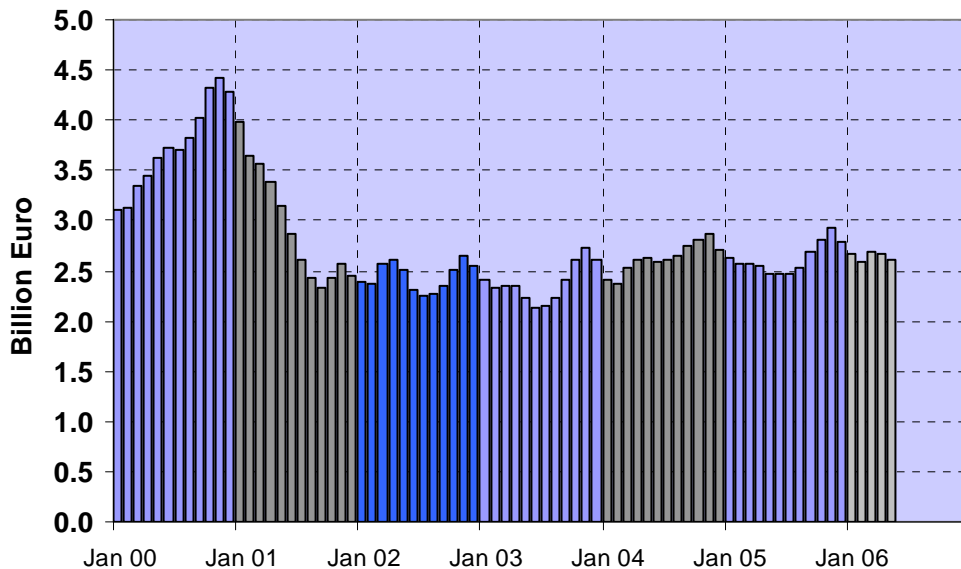
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2005 WSTS members are 74 semiconductor companies from all over the world, representing 85% of the world semiconductor market. More information on the WSTS website at www.wsts.org

Market data by region¹

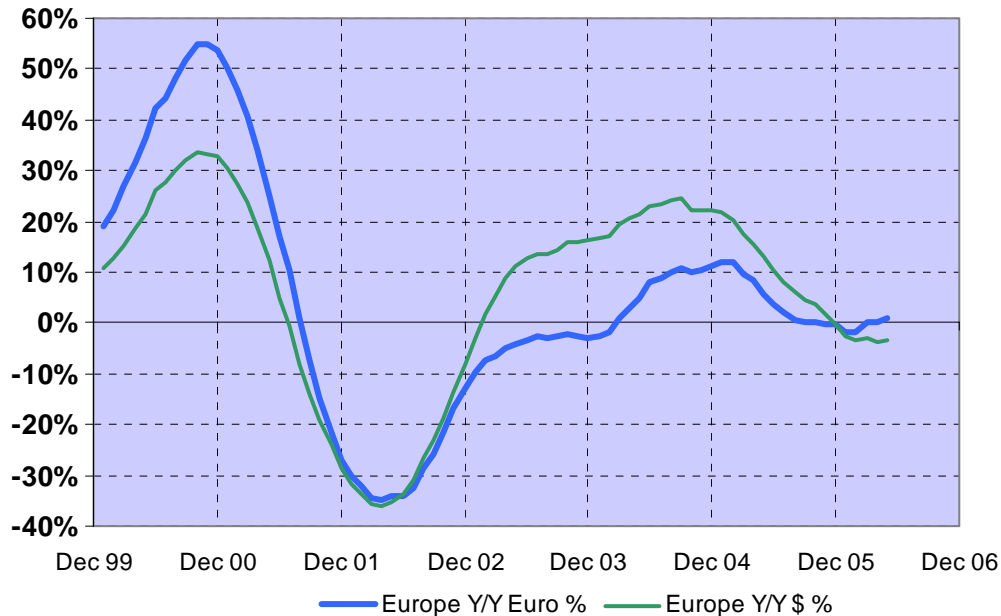
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Apr 06	May 06	Apr 06	May 06	Apr 06	May 06	Apr 06	May 06
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Europe	3.232	3.210	-0.2%	-0.7%	-2.7%	0.5%	-4.7%	-3.0%
Americas	3.594	3.518	-3.7%	-2.1%	11.4%	9.6%	10.8%	12.0%
Japan	3.751	3.784	-1.1%	0.9%	1.5%	4.6%	0.2%	1.7%
Asia Pacific	9.034	9.234	1.1%	2.2%	14.5%	15.0%	12.0%	12.5%
World	19.611	19.746	-0.4%	0.7%	8.2%	9.4%	6.3%	7.4%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.674	2.605	-0.5%	-2.6%	5.2%	5.7%	3.0%	3.2%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.229	1.274	-4.8%	0.3%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

1) Unless otherwise indicated, except YTD growth, all figures are 3-month-average data

EUROPE - Monthly European Semiconductor sales in billion Euro (3-month-average data)



European Semiconductor sales growth in % - Annualized growth trend (Y/Y) in Euro and Dollar (12-month-average data)



WSTS monthly data in full product detail is available via subscription. For more information please contact the EECA-ESIA office (email address: EECA-ESIA) or visit our website at <http://www.eeca.org/esia.htm>.

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